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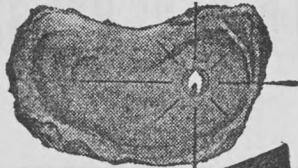
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APRIL, 1950

HOLY BAPTISM



MARY MARGARET APOLATUK, the first Eskimo baby born in Edmonton, was baptized in the Chapel of the Charles Camell Hospital on Thursday, March 2nd. Archdeacon Clough, the Chaplain of the Hospital, tells the story on page 7.



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The Bishop's Page

My Dear People:

This is to greet you at Easter but it is being written in the midst of the Lenten days. There is considerable evidence that our preparation for Easter is being taken seriously. Attendance at the regular and special services has been above the average of previous years. We are, I believe, as a church, trying together to quicken the quality of our religious life, so that deep down in the depths of our nature fresh faith and hope and love begin to stir, and desires for a more fruitful life awaken. Everything seems to suggest that we are in a springtide of the soul.

How sure are we of the Easter fact? Can we sing with conviction:

"Jesus lives! Our hearts know well."

Someone once felt that to be true or he wouldn't have written it. And thousands since have agreed with him, or they wouldn't have gone on singing it. Or would they? Yes, perhaps they would go on singing it because they wanted it to be true, and they wanted to believe it. As a matter of fact these are two perfectly good reasons for singing it even if, as sometimes happens, the mists of doubt cannot be completely dispelled. But our Hymn Book is full of testimony from Christians of every type, who have discovered for themselves that Jesus is alive. If they were asked why they believe it they would most likely answer "Because I speak to Him, and He speaks to me." This is the strongest kind of evidence. Anyone who has persevered in prayer and sacrament will know what such people are talking about. From time to time they will testify:

"I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad,
I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad."

But many of us from time to time want to hear the case for the Easter story presented in the form of a rational argument, and perhaps some of us are in that frame of mind most of the time. I am far from convinced that any rational argument, however cogent, will ever be very satisfying, but it may, and often does, help to remove hurdles on the pathway to faith.

Consider for example the question of Sunday about which I wrote last month. In the ancient world Sunday was an ordinary weekday with nothing sacred about it. The disciples had all been brought up to observe Saturday as the day of worship. One of the commandments specifically ordered the seventh day to be kept holy. Yet from Acts onward we find Christians making the first

day their day of worship. Something quite remarkable must have occurred to cause a change like that. The explanation the disciples gave was that it was on a Sunday that they discovered that Jesus was not dead. No other explanation has ever been suggested.

If the Easter story is not literally true, what happened to convince the disciples? Those who deny the Resurrection have made some suggestions. One such suggestion is that "His disciples came by night and stole the body." In reply to this it is I think sufficient to say that men do not lay down their lives for what they knew to be a lie, and the Apostles proved that they believed their message by dying for it.

Another suggestion is that Jesus was not actually dead when his body was placed in the tomb, but had only swooned. In the tomb he recovered consciousness and rolled away the stone and came out. Can you imagine any one, who came half dead from a tomb, whose feet and hands must have needed bandaging and who must eventually have died, giving the impression that he was triumphant over death?

The honest mistake theory has been advanced by some modern sceptics. They say that the women on Easter morning went to the wrong grave. They had only watched the burial from afar and they made a mistake. They went to an empty grave, and the whole story sprang from that. If the women made a mistake, Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus and all who had helped in the burial knew which the right grave was; so did the high priests who had sealed it; so did the soldiers who had guarded it. They could have killed the Resurrection story as soon as it started, by opening the right grave and producing the body.

Let us first frankly admit that the Easter story is hard to believe. The impulse of the disciples was to reject it. "These words appeared to them as idle tales and they believed them not." But there is no way of accounting for the existence of the Christian Church apart from the experience of the disciples, which convinced them that God had raised Jesus from the dead and that they had seen Him and talked with Him.

The heart has eyes as well as the head, and I think you will discover more about the Resurrection of Jesus by trusting Him, both for time and eternity, than you ever will in any other way.

Speaking of trust reminds me of an illustration of it, which I leave with you. "About the beginning of 1917, when first the streets were darkened

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The Editor's Columns

The proposal of the Provincial Government of Alberta to establish an institution for the care of young offenders, who are sentenced by the courts, is good news indeed. It is a welcome sign that the Government is alive to this particular social problem and intends to try to meet it intelligently.

While little is known of the plan beyond the fact that there is to be such an institution, and that the budget includes provision for it, we cannot refrain from extending congratulations to the Attorney General's Department. This acceptance of the principle of the segregation of the young offender is a great step forward.

We shall eagerly look forward in hope to hear that the proposal includes some re-education and training suitable to the age and circumstances of those who may be committed to it. Above all, such an institution, if it is to be more than a place of detention, requires the services of a well trained staff. In this connection it is imperative that a careful study of the most enlightened methods of treatment, as they have been successfully applied elsewhere, should be made and the best of them adopted and adapted to the local situation. Without this a splendid plan could easily be wrecked.

We may also express the hope that the influence of the Attorney General's Department will spread to all the branches of the Government concerned with problems of social welfare.

OUR LENTEN PREACHERS

The Noon-day Lenten Preachers have put us under a great debt. From Ash Wednesday to Good Friday many of our people have been privileged to hear great addresses on great themes. The visiting preachers had obviously made the kind of preparation which spells hard work over a considerable period of time. But there was more than hard work. Their hearts were in their work and overflowed in their words, to our lasting benefit. This is the time and the place to acknowledge the debt and express our thanks.

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because of air raids, I was feeling my way carefully in the dark down one of the streets of Cirencester, when behind me a door opened and for a moment threw some light on the pavement. Then I heard a patter of little feet behind me and a little hand stole into mine and we walked along together for, say, twenty yards, and the child left me and disappeared up a yard. I never knew who she was—she might have been any of about ten who lived in that yard—but apparently she knew me, and thought I was trustworthy; but—and it is remembered by me as one of the greatest compliments ever paid me—she trusted me, and put her fears into my hand until she saw the light of her father's house. It is that trust, added to knowledge, which is faith; and if one may compare small things with great, the faith which in Christ is the way to everlasting life is illustrated by the temporary trust which brings a frightened child home.

Yours faithfully

Walter Selmonlin

BROADCASTING

SUNDAY SERVICES at 11 a.m.

April

2. All Saints'	CJCA
16. Christ Church	CJCA
30. Holy Trinity	CJCA

ANGLICAN SUNDAY SCHOOL OF THE AIR

Every Sunday, 10:45 a.m. CFRN
The Bishop will speak to the children
on Easter Sunday

An Easter Allegory

(Adapted from an Allegory by the
Reverend F. W. Quiller)

It was Eastern Even. In heaven the angels stood in eager expectancy looking towards the sun rising, awaiting the Resurrection Feast.

In a busy parish church the workers were preparing to leave their freshly decorated church, having placed the last Easter lilies in position.

With a sigh of content, Agnes, an old white haired lady, contemplated the finished work—"There, Vicar, all is ready for His rising, and the Altar has never looked so beautiful, nor have the lilies ever looked so young and fresh. Do you really think they know about that lovely custom you have introduced here of making every lily bloom a memorial flower? I think they must. See how those six blooms nearest to the Cross stand up so brave and straight. They are for those boys who went through 'the gate' in Normandy." You know, Vicar, "through the grave and gate of death to our joyful resurrection"—that's it isn't it?" she said, repeating the Collect of Easter Day.

"I'm thinking, Vicar," she said softly, "it won't be long before you'll have to add a bloom there for me, for I shall be eighty-four, if the Lord spares me till Michaelmas. But I'm quite ready to go at any time; my old body often feels tired, and I shan't see many more Easters in the church below."

The vicar left her to survey the work so lovingly done in the other parts of the Church.

Old Agnes knelt in the front pew, her accustomed place of worship these sixty years and more. Her prayer was simple, yet in reality lacked nothing. Leaving her place she made her reverence towards the Altar and murmured—"until the morning, Lord."

In her cottage home, where she lived alone, watched over by a kind neighbor and friend, she made ready for bed. kneeling down before her little shrine, she began by repeating the psalm she loved so well, "The Lord is my Shepherd, therefore can I lack nothing . . . He shall lead me beside the still waters . . . Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me." Then getting into her cosy bed, whis-

pered "Until the day break and the shadows flee away"—and so saying she fell into sweet sleep.

In heaven an Angel passed through the watching ranks earthward. Easter dawn was breaking as he flew over the spire of Agnes' beloved church. To her tiny room he came and silently stood watching. Agnes stirred, a smile of holy joy spread over her wrinkled face. "She is ready, Lord," he said.

The bells of the church pealed—"Christ is Risen," "Christ is Risen,"

A Weakling Made Strong

On April 25th we will celebrate St. Mark's Day. The following notes are therefore of timely interest. Mark is mentioned nine times in the New Testament, and from these brief references a fairly clear picture of the man emerges.

Among the sacred sites which are pointed out to visitors in Jerusalem is that of the House of the Upper Room. The actual building is later than our Lord's day, but the site is well authenticated. Both its location and its size indicate wealth. From the fact that Mark's father is not mentioned in the New Testament it is assumed that his mother, Mary, was a widow. The only son of a rich widow, brought up in ease and comfort is always liable to be a bit coddled. This may account for the streak of softness which runs in Mark's character.

His mother was a devout follower of Jesus. It was in the large upper room of her house where the last supper was prepared, after which our Lord instituted the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. This room continued for some time to be the regular meeting place of the Church, and was no doubt the setting for their services.

Mark's cousin, Barnabas, was one of the Christian leaders; and since St. Peter in his Epistle calls Mark "my son," it was probably he who prepared him for baptism and confirmation. It is conjectured that Mark was the person with the water-jar, whom Peter and John were told to follow till he led them

as the Angel bore old Agnes over the church she loved to the fuller life prepared for her.

The strains of the offertory hymn at the Eastern Eucharist died away and the vicar turned to his people and said "In the early hours of this Resurrection morning the soul of one of our oldest and most loved communicants passed to her eternal rest, Agnes Grasmere. Yester even, as she finished decorating the Altar, I heard her whisper as in prayer—"there, all is ready for His rising." Now we can think of her amidst the joyous company who offer with us, but in a greater light and on a better shore, the Eucharistic praises of Easter Morning. And the whole company whispered—"Amen."

to the right house; and he may have been the young man who narrowly escaped arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane.

When Barnabas, his cousin, went to Antioch to build up the church there, Mark volunteered to go with him. He was thus one of the first to volunteer for foreign missionary work. Later he accompanied Barnabas and Paul on their missionary tour of Cyprus. But when they went to the mainland and faced the perilous journey across the Taurus mountains his courage failed him and he returned home to his mother. This desertion Paul regarded as a very serious offence. When therefore Paul and Barnabas were about to set out on their second missionary tour and Mark pleaded to be allowed to go and to redeem his character, Paul absolutely refused. But Barnabas took a different view, and gave his young cousin the chance he needed by taking with him on a tour of Cyprus.

Mark made good. By his faithfulness he won the confidence of St. Paul, who wrote of him in his later Epistles as one of "my fellow-workers, men that have been a comfort to me;" and again, "Take Mark and bring him with thee, for he is useful to me for ministering." After Paul's death he worked with St. Peter, and when Peter was martyred he began to write down all that he had heard Peter tell about the life of Jesus. "Mark," said Irenaeus in the 2nd century, "was the disciple and inter-

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DIOCESAN NEWS



BISHOP'S ANNIVERSARY

April 25th will be St. Mark's Day. On this day the bishop begins the tenth year of his consecration. He will celebrate the Holy Communion at the Cathedral at 7:30 a.m. and again at 10 a.m., when the Diocesan Woman's Auxiliary begin their Annual Meeting with a Corporate Communion. At the services of that day throughout the diocese let prayer be offered for the bishop.

PROVINCIAL SYNOD MEETS

The Metropolitan has called Provincial Synod to meet in Winnipeg April 19th, 20th, 21st. Our delegates are: The Reverend Canon E. S. Ottley, the Reverend W. T. Elkin, the Reverend E. N. P. Orme, the Reverend C. E. F. Wolff, Messrs. R. T. Williams, L. D. Byrne, G. Baker, D. W. F. Richardson. The substitute delegates are: The Reverend D. V. A. Browne, The Reverend G. W. Wilson, the Reverend W. Brooks, Messrs. D. R. W. Mason, G. H. Linney, H P. Brown.

The forthcoming meeting is one of the most important to be held in recent years. The chief matter to be brought before Synod is that of a reorganization of the work of the Church in the Northland. It is expected that during Synod a Bishop of the Arctic will be elected to fill the See vacated by Bishop Fleming, who resigned last September.

FIRST SERVICES IN ST. PAUL'S

The men of St. Paul's, Edmonton, are working hard to have their new Church ready for Easter Day. It will not be finished, but it will be possible to celebrate the Easter Eucharist within its walls. The Service of Dedication is being planned for later in the year on a day when the clergy and people of the congregation will be able to attend.

St. Paul's is going to be a beautiful sanctuary. Into the building has been put so much of labour and the love of the people of the parish—especially the men. When it is dedicated it will be truly an offering of the people. We rejoice with the Rector and his fellow workers as they approach the day.

NOON-DAY SERVICES

Churchmen throughout the diocese will want to know how the Lenten Noon-Day Services prospered. The average attendance was about 250 a day, or an estimated number of 9,000 worshippers during the season. Many came every day—five days a week, or 33 times.

Such satisfactory statistics tell practically nothing of the real story. Nevertheless they are significant. The church's witness has been strengthened. Our people received and accepted the challenge of Lent and exercised a good deal of spiritual discipline by this regular attendance. Under the guidance of our distinguished visitors we have been led into new insights and values and fresh understanding of our beliefs. But the real values of the Lenten Services cannot be expressed. They are as seed planted that will bear fruit in due season.

THE REVEREND G. W. WILSON TAKES OVER NEW WORK

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Calder, and St. Michael's, North Edmonton, are to be united under the ministry of the Reverend G. W. Wilson from the first Sunday in April. This plan was recommended to the Bishop and the Executive Committee by the Church Extension Committee, and is being undertaken with a view to strengthening our work in the areas concerned.

These parishes have hitherto been associated with St. Peter and St. Faith's. But the housing developments and shift of population make it imperative that our ministry should be more concentrated if it is to be effective. The arrangement has been made with the hearty approval of all concerned.

Both the Church of the Good Shepherd and St. Michael's are this year celebrating their fortieth anniversaries. It gives them and the whole diocese great satisfaction to know that they can mark the occasion by such an advance. We will support Mr. Wilson in our prayers as he enters upon this new work.

MR. W. E. BRIGGS HONOURED

On Sunday evening, February 26th, after Evensong at the Church of the Good Shepherd, the large congregation assembled in the Parish Hall to honour Mr. W. E. Briggs, who for twenty-five years has served the church there as Warden, Organist and Sunday School Superintendent. The Rector, the Reverend R. S. Faulks, spoke for the people and the Bishop made the presentation of a club bag, the gift of the congregation. The ladies presented Mrs. Briggs with a bouquet of flowers.

It was a happy occasion. While such long and devoted service is by no means unique, it all too often goes unrecognized. Mr. Briggs, in his acknowledgement of the gift, spoke of the happiness his church work had brought him, and challenged his fellows to be loyal to their church.

ST. JOHN'S A.Y.P.A.

The Central Office of the A.Y.P.A. has just issued a Charter for the St. John the Evangelist branch in Edmonton. It was formally presented to the members at a recent meeting by the Rector, the Reverend W. E. Harrison. The formation of this branch is one more indication of the growing strength of the Association in the diocese, and of the increasing part that our young people are taking in the work of their church. We congratulate the parish and the members.

CALENDAR

April

2. Palm Sunday.
3. Monday before Easter.
4. Tuesday before Easter.
5. Wednesday before Easter.
6. Maundy Thursday.
7. Good Friday.
8. Easter Eve.
9. Easter Day.
16. Low Sunday.
23. 2nd Sunday after Easter.
(St. George).
25. St. Mark.
30. 3rd Sunday after Easter.

BISHOP OF QU'APPELLE RESIGNS

The Right Reverend E. H. Knowles, fifth Bishop of Qu'Appelle, has tendered his resignation, effective April 30th, 1950.

Advancing years and ill health have made it necessary for him to relinquish the arduous duties of his office and to make way for a younger man. Bishop Knowles has given himself in selfless service to the Diocese of Qu'Appelle throughout his whole ministry of forty-five years, the last fifteen as Bishop of the diocese.

We express the hope that he will enjoy a well earned rest, and have health and happiness in his retirement.

CHARLES CAMSELL INDIAN HOSPITAL

Mary Margaret Apolatuk, the first Eskimo baby to be born in Edmonton, was baptised by the Bishop of Edmonton March 2nd, 1950, in the chapel of the Camsell hospital. The sponsors were Doris Kikpak, a Coppermine Eskimo; Margaret Edwardson, daughter of Archdeacon Clough, and Doctor C. B. Barclay. Milly Apolatuk, the mother of the infant, had been flown in from St. Andrews Mission, Coppermine, some six months ago as a T.B. patient, was one of the eight Eskimo patients recently confirmed by Bishop Barfoot.

Mary Margaret, being the first Eskimo baby to be born in Edmonton, received considerable publicity in the daily press. Our joy in bringing this infant into the fold of Christ's Church is enhanced by the knowledge that we are able to show the self sacrificing missionaries down north, that the church in this diocese stands ready to nurture and comfort the members of their flock when they come amongst us.

Abraham Okpic

Word brought back from All Saints' hospital, Aklavic, by the doctors and nurses who had been flown in from the Charles Camsell hospital, to help fight the epidemic which had taken the lives of several Eskimo there, that the aid rendered by Abraham Okpic to the staff and patients was invaluable, is most encouraging. Abraham was one of the first Eskimo patients to be brought to the Charles Camsell hospital, and a regular Communicant whilst here. Abraham was running a trap line some 15 miles from Aklavic. When he heard of the epidemic he left

BISHOP OF BRANDON

Following the resignation of the Right Reverend W. W. Thomas, Bishop of Brandon, the Venerable I. A. Norris was elected to the vacant See at a special meeting of the diocesan Synod on Wednesday, February 15th.

The election of Archdeacon Norris gives general satisfaction, not only to the diocese of Brandon, as evidenced by the fact that he was elected on the first ballot, but to the church at large where he is so well known and so highly esteemed. The Consecration of the Bishop elect is fixed for Sunday, April 16th, in the Cathedral Church of the diocese.

his trap line and mused with his dog team the 15 miles into Aklavic to give what help he could. Being accustomed to hospital routine he was, in the words of the nurses, "just tops." to appreciate this just a little, visualize any of us taking three weeks off our job without pay to help these in greater need.

"East is East and West is West, and never the twain shall meet." That is not true, we all know that now.

A Japanese patient comes to Camsell Hospital—There are 100 Indian and Eskimo Anglican patients in the Camsell hospital. They come from the Blackfoot, Blood and Sarcee Reserves in the south, Cambridge Bay, Reid Island, Holman Island, Coppermine, Snagg and Yukon. Fort Norman, Fort McPherson and Simpson in the north. A few weeks ago the hospital at Dawson was burned and a young Japanese patient was flown in here. One Stephen Nikana. Stephen, though born in Canada, had gone back with his invalid mother when a child, and returned to Dawson three months ago. The visits of the Reverend G. G. Nakayama (our priest ministering to the Japanese at Coal-dale) to Stephen have been a great help to the hospital chaplain. Japanese Christians, members of All Saints' Cathedral congregation, are regularly visiting Stephen and helping in his religious instruction. It will be a great day when Stephen desires to be baptised; and he will.

Truly the pastoral and missionary work in the Charles Camsell hospital constitutes a challenge to the whole Canadian Church of England in Canada.

DEATH OF BISHOP FULLER

The Church mourns the loss of the Right Reverend W. E. Fuller, Bishop of Saskatoon, who died suddenly on February 22nd in Brandon. The bishop suffered a heart attack while on his way to a meeting of the House of Bishops of the Province of Rupert's Land, and had to be taken to the hospital in Brandon from the train.

Bishop Fuller was consecrated on St. Luke's Day, October 18th, 1949, in St. John's Cathedral, Saskatoon by the Metropolitan, the Most Reverend L. R. Sherman, D.D., assisted by the Bishops of Athabasca, Kewatin, Saskatchewan and Edmonton.

The funeral service was held in his Cathedral Church on St. Matthias Day, February 24th, the day upon which he was ordained Deacon and Priest and the anniversary of his wedding day. The Archbishop addressed the congregation in fitting tribute to the Bishop's life and work.

The sympathy of the Church goes out to the bereaved family, and to the diocese of Saskatoon, in their great loss.

SELECTED SHORT SERMONS

By Earl Riney

Before us even as behind God is, and all is well.

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Take life as you find it, but do not leave it so.

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The secret of getting on is getting started.

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The one thing worse than a quitter is the man who is afraid to begin.

A WEAKLING MADE STRONG

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preter of St. Peter. He delivered to us in writing the things that Peter preached." And so we got our Gospel according to St. Mark.

Mark was not built on heroic lines. He failed badly once in the face of hardship and danger. But one great failure need not condemn any man. Ashamed of his weakness he longed for a chance to redeem his character. Barnabas gave him that chance. If Christ only gave us once chance where would any of us be?

SECRETARY-TREASURER SAYS

The Executive Committee has been concerned of late with four matters chiefly—all part of the Advance.

The Church Extension programme, especially within the city, has received much attention from a committee whose task is to visualize the new centres of population and to plan for an efficient ministry covering the whole city.

The observance of the seventy-fifth Jubilee Year is gathering strength and impetus. Plans contemplate the enthusiastic participation of every churchman in the diocese. Thanks are due to the laymen who have underwritten the finance and to men who are setting a fine standard of cheerful and untiring service in taking care of every last detail.

The many important building programmes in parishes both within and outside the city already mark 1950 a great year of Advance. Vermilion is the latest to face up to building needs. All power to them.

The great response of churchman and churchwomen shown in the attendance at Lenten Mid-day services is good. The financial support is also good. Thanks to those who have planned so wisely and well, and to those who attend and support.

Congratulations to All Saints' Cathedral on holding the lead in overpaying apportionments. To set a high standard of co-operation is to encourage many another parish.

Statistical returns for 1949 are painfully slow in coming in. Those who are responsible please get down to this.

Synod office is making a special effort to bring all insurance data up-to-date. It will be much appreciated if each return contains full and accurate statements re insurance in parishes.

THE ANGLICAN SUNDAY SCHOOL OF THE AIR

Sunday, March 12th, was the 114th broadcast of The Anglican Sunday School of the Air. This means, when we stop to think for a moment, that for over two years this programme has been on the air, coming as it does every Sunday over CFRN at 10:45 a.m.

In radio it is difficult to assess success or failure of any programme other than from letters and support received. We in the studio cannot see you, we

have no idea how many are listening, whether our efforts are being well received or whether you rush to the radio and turn us off as soon as the theme begins. It is only when the mail comes in and you tell us your reactions that the picture becomes clearer. It is very important you see, that you should write to us from time to time, even if only to let us know that we gave out the wrong number to the hymn the previous Sunday.

We have received many letters during the past two years, and they have all given us great encouragement. It is no easy task to have a good choir and to produce a dramatized lesson each week. Fortunately we have those people living in Edmonton who are more than willing to give of their time and talents, and who come week by week to the studio to produce the broadcast for Sunday. They, too, like to be encouraged and to know that beyond the walls of the studio you are listening.

We have also been greatly encouraged by the financial support given us, donations alone met the complete cost of last year's broadcasting. Our bill is a heavy one, \$800.00 a year, just over \$15.00 a Sunday. The W.A.'s throughout the diocese, several Sunday schools and individuals have been most generous. If this programme has been of help to you, and to your children for whom it is specially designed, perhaps you too will help as well, every dollar is most gratefully received.

The Anglican Sunday School of the Air is intended to supplement the work of the Sunday School by Post. The lessons you hear on Sundays are the same as those on the lesson papers. It is also designed to meet the need where no regular Sunday school exists. We know of one district where a number of children are gathered together round the radio for the lesson and afterwards are helped to answer the questions on their lesson papers. Perhaps you could do something like this in your area. If you are short of teachers in the Sunday school why not use the radio for the lesson period. Radio has many possibilities, and under the guiding hand of some individual even greater use could be made of the Anglican Sunday School of the Air.

We are anxious to be of the greatest possible help to you in the teaching of the young, but we can only do so much here in Edmonton. We shall con-

tinue to give of our best, you must, however, provide the listening audience and make the fullest possible use of opportunities as they occur.

Will you continue to make this programme known and encourage your children to listen regularly. But perhaps most important of all will you write to us from time to time?

AN IDEAL PARISH EXHIBITION

"I found myself the other day at the Ideal Parish Exhibition, and saw there things almost too wonderful for words. I stopped first at the Ideal Choir Boys' Stall. These were guaranteed to be silent in the Vestry and to attend practices regularly. I gave a large order. Another stall then attracted my attention, The Ideal Congregation. There were many varieties, but the salesman assured me that all of them were strictly punctual, never left the front pews empty, while they filled the back, did not shrink in wet weather, said the Amens audibly, and had many other novel and attractive features. Again, I gave an order. Space forbids my telling of all the wonders of that Exhibition. the Ideal Collecting Bag that groaned loudly, whenever it received a three-penny-bit, the Ideal Hymn Selector, guaranteed to chose hymns that never fail to satisfy all tastes and all voices. Many hours I spent gazing at these marvels and making such purchases as I could afford, until I saw a stall headed The Ideal Rector. Eagerly I pressed through the thronging crowd, determined to have one of these at any price, only to find when I got there that the stall was empty. The attendant informed me that the exhibit was so rare and so much in demand, that it had to be kept locked up in the Tower with the Crown Jewels. Then I awoke; and behold, it was a dream."

We must play the game with the cards we hold.

If we haven't the trumps, it's no use to scold.

Life is full of endings, but every ending is a new beginning.

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A man's age can be measured by the degree of pain he feels on coming in contact with a new idea.



Woman's Auxiliary



Diocesan W.A. Annual Meeting Programme for the 36th Annual

TUESDAY, APRIL 25th

ALL SAINTS' CATHEDRAL

Theme of Annual:

"Build us a tower of Christ-like height,
That we the land may view."

10:00 a.m.

Annual Corporate Communion.

Celebrant and preacher: The Right
Reverend W. F. Barfoot, D.D.

Presentation of Diocesan Thankoffer-
ing.

12:00 noon

Luncheon in the Corona Hotel.

Welcome: Mrs. A. H. Adams, Christ
Church W.A.

Reply: Happy Hour Evening Church,
Vermilion.

1:30 p.m.

All Saints' Hall.

Hymn, Prayers, Roll Call.

Welcome to all delegates: Mrs. R. T.
Horne, President of All Saints'
Afternoon W.A.

Greetings, Announcements.

Review of the Year:

Recording and Corresponding Sec-
retaries.

President's Address.

Dorcas, Educational Secretaries.

Living Message Secretary.

Sunday School by Post Secretary.

Social Service Secretary.

4:00 p.m.

Address: The Lord Bishop of Diocese.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26th

ALL SAINTS' HALL

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Life Members' Conference.

Devotional Service and Address:
Reverend F. E. Smith, Wetaskiwin.

10:30 a.m.

Hymn, Prayers.

Minutes, Correspondence, Question
Box.

The Service of Youth:

Little Helpers', Juniors', Girls' Sec-
retaries.

Review of the Year:

Prayer Partner Secretary.

Candidates' Secretary.

Report of Convenor of Nominations:
Mrs. E. Currey.

12:00 noon

Noontide Prayers, and address: Rev.
J. E. Williams.

12:30 p.m.

Luncheon.

1:30 p.m.

Hymn, Prayers, Missionary News.

Correspondence, Question Box.

Review of the Year:

E.C.D., U.T.O., Treasurer.

Consideration of Dominion and Dio-
cesan Pledges and Appeals.

Voting of Funds: Diocesan Thank-
offering, Offertories, E.C.D.

Closing of Ballot Box.

8:00 p.m.

Evening to be arranged.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27th

9:30 a.m.

Celebration of Holy Communion.

Celebrant: The Very Reverend A. M.
Trendell, D.D.

10:00 a.m.

Minutes, Correspondence.

Announcement of Officers for 1950-51
Question Box.

Report of Credentials' Committee.

Deanery W.A. Reports:

Vermilion, Wainwright, Pembina,
Wetaskiwin.

Report of Dominion Annual Meeting.
Mrs. C. H. Harris.

12:00 noon

Noontide Prayers and Address: Rev.
W. E. Harrison.

12:30 p.m.

Luncheon.

Meeting of New Executive to ap-
point Honorary Officers.

1:30 p.m.

Hymn, Prayers.

Question Box.

Report of Life Members' Secretary.

Report of Standings Committees:

Hospital Visiting.

St. Catherine's Residence.

Book of Remembrance.

Programme, Press and Publications.
Unfinished Business.

New Business.

Annual Meeting.

Election of Delegate to Dominion
Votes of thanks.

Service of Prayer and Thanksgiving
in the Cathedral: The Very
Reverend A. M. Trendell, D.D.

Afternoon tea in the Cathedral Hall.

GOD SAVE THE KING

**Shower of handkerchiefs, new tooth-brushes, new combs and hair
brushes for girls at Wabasca Indian Residential School**

**The Annual G.A. Festival and Con-
ference** will take place at Holy Trinity
Hall on Tuesday and Wednesday, April
11th and 12th. This year the programme
will feature a missionary quiz, singing,
folk and square dancing, tumbling,
choral speech, cooking and handicrafts.
A ping pong tournament will be held
on Tuesday evening, April 11th. On
Wednesday evening the girls will end

the festival with a concert in Holy
Trinity Hall to which church members
are cordially invited.

Leaders are reminded that handi-
crafts and home arts are to be handed
in by Saturday, April 1st.

ANOTHER INTEREST!

On February 24th, the G.A., in co-
operation with the C.G.I.T. and Y-Teens
united in the World Day of Prayer

programme for girls in Central United
Church. Miss Eileen Field, President of
the Anglican Girls' Council, took part
in the service, of which the theme was
"We Worship Together." Three city
G.A. branches were represented. This
is a forward move in our girls' work.
May the time be not far distant when
the A.G.C. takes the initiative and in-
vites others to join in the World Prayer
service in one of our Anglican churches.

The Church of England in Western Canada

By Rev. T. C. B. Boon, B.A.

When Mr. Bompas arrived in England on February 3rd, 1874, after a singularly rough thirteen-day voyage in the old Allan liner, Scandinavian, he spent some effort in trying to persuade the Church Missionary Society to change its plans as he shrank from the idea of becoming a Bishop, but in this he was unsuccessful and on May 3rd he was consecrated in St. Mary's, the Parish Church of Lambeth in London as first Bishop of Athabasca by Archbishop Tait of Canterbury, who was assisted by Bishops Jackson of London, Hughes of St. Asaph and Bishop David Anderson. Rev. John McLean was at the time consecrated Bishop of Saskatchewan.

THE CALL TO THE NORTH

Very fittingly the sermon was preached by Bishop David Anderson, who but ten years before had resigned from the Diocese of Rupert's Land, which by the consecrations taking place that day would be divided into four Dioceses, Bishop Horden of Moosonee having been consecrated the previous December. After remarking on the noble plan which was thus being consummated, and addressing some words to Bishop McLean, Dr. Anderson turned to Bishop Bompas and his work: "In leaving for the more distant sphere of Athabasca, brother, it is to no untried work that you proceed. It is a matter of very deep interest to notice the links in the chain of God's providence which has guided you to this hour. Nine years ago tomorrow it was my privilege to preach the anniversary sermon of that noble Society which mainly sends you forth. I had then heard that he who was bearing the standard of the Cross in the most advanced position of Fort Yukon was sinking in rapid decline. I read a touching extract from a letter which I had just received . . . on this I grounded by appeal, and said . . . shall no one come forward to take up the standard of the Lord? . . . you offered yourself to the Society, and within three weeks of your offer you were on your way to the far North-West."

EIGHT YEARS' WORK

"You have been there for more than eight years, in labours abundant, and

your love has not lessened nor your zeal slackened. You have brought home, as the fruit of your labour, portions of Scripture, prayers and hymns, in seven different dialects or tongues. You are ready to take the precious treasure out with you—the translations printed and prepared by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. You have also one complete Gospel, that of St. Mark, which the British and Foreign Bible Society has enabled you to carry through the press."

"But you left good treasure behind, in souls warmed with love of Christ and softened by the spirit of Grace. You have the hearts of the Indians and the Esquimaux."

A BUSY WEEK

The week which began with this Consecration was destined to be the last that Bishop Bompas ever spent in England. On Thursday, May 7th, he was married to Miss Charlotte Selina Cox, by Bishop David Anderson, who was assisted by Rev. John Robbins, Vicar of St. Peter's, Notting Hill, and Rev. Henry Gordon of Harting. Mrs. Bompas was the daughter of a Dr. Joseph Cox of Montague Square and had a brother who was Vicar of Bishop's Tawton in Devonshire. Part of her life had been spent in Italy where she acquired such a knowledge and love of the Italian language that her copy of "Dante" was her constant companion, even in the northern wilds of the Mackenzie River valley. As a girl she had thought missionary meetings the dulllest affairs, and missionaries themselves 'the most dismal of slow coaches,' but the murder of Bishop Patteson in the Solomon Islands in 1871 (which aroused political repercussions owing to its association with the forced native labour question in Australia) stirred a new and fervent interest in Christian missions, and Mrs. Bompas herself says that it caused the young ladies of her age to reach "the enthusiastic stage, when we resolve to become missionaries ourselves, and are impatient to be off anywhere—to China, Japan, or the Indians of the Mackenzie River." She chose the Mackenzie River, and sailed from Liverpool on the old Cunard steamship

China, after what the Bishop subsequently declared was the hardest week he had ever experienced. Mrs. R. J. Bowen (the wife of the first missionary to the Klondike miners at Forty Mile, and later first Rector of St. Paul's, Dawson) who knew Mrs. Bompas quite intimately twenty years later, says that she "was a very spirited lady, very energetic and capable of many things. One wonders how such a frail little lady kept up so long." The few portraits of her which remain reveal something of her courage, patience, dignity and charm.

JOURNEY TO THE WEST

The Bishop and Mrs. Bompas did not sail alone. Their party included the Bishop's sister who was returning to Lennoxville, Quebec; Rev. R. and Mrs. Phair; two other men destined for Holy Orders and their brides, a lady going out to be assistant in a boarding school in Winnipeg, and Mr. John Hines, setting out on his own long journey to begin the work amongst the natives in the northwestern part of the Diocese of Saskatchewan, who has left an interesting account of the voyage. Speaking of the China he says: "The boat was an ancient one, and I rather think this was the last trip she made across the Atlantic . . . by far the roughest I ever experienced; we were twelve days in reaching New Jersey from Liverpool . . . Mrs. Bompas, who appeared very fragile, endured the voyage fairly well, and in order to pass the time profitably, the Bishop undertook to instruct us in the language of the people we were going to work amongst . . . in addition to being able to read a little, we committed to memory the Lord's Prayer—Mrs. Bompas in the language of the Beaver Indians, and I in the language of the Indians—by the time we left the China. New York was reached on Whitsunday, May 24th, in time to attend the service at St. Mark's Church, where the Bishop preached in the evening.

Does education pay? Does it pay to sharpen tools before working with them?

Responsibilities gravitate to the person who can shoulder them, and power flows to the man who knows how.

Good books give new views to life and teach us how to live.

THE HOUR FOR COMMUNION

This question has been debated—often with heat. The major issue is that of "fasting communion." These notes raise but do not attempt to answer the questions.

The Holy Communion was instituted by our Lord in the evening 'after supper.' But quite early in the history of the church abuses crept. St. Paul sternly rebuked the church in Corinth for irreverent behaviour at the celebration "one is hungry and another drunken." The occasion for such unseemly conduct was the conjunction of a fellowship meal with the Celebration of the Sacrament. In order to avoid such occasions the Sacrament was moved from the evening to the early morning, and the practice of receiving fasting was instituted. This practice became almost universal.

After the Reformation of the Church in England for about three hundred years the usual hour for Communion was noon. The rule of fasting before receiving was not generally observed. When the Oxford Movement got underway the early morning service was revived, and such a service is now everywhere provided. But the majority of Anglicans still communicate about noon.

In recent years the rigid rule of the Roman church regarding the pre-Communion fast has been relaxed in various ways to meet special circumstances. During the war, for example, priests were permitted to celebrate at any hour of the day or night without previous fast. In France, Mission priests regularly celebrate in the evening.

The pre-Communion fast is reverential and fitting, but cannot without grave practical difficulty be universally applied. Some people in rural areas for example would be deprived of the Sacrament altogether for long periods, if the rule were strictly enforced. The early morning fasting Communion effectively safeguarded the Sacrament against abuses by the self-indulgent and undisciplined. But it would seem to be historical and logical to celebrate at any hour of the day or night, providing the Communicants receive with reverence and proper safeguards against abuses are observed.

Good intentions will not help a man if he takes the wrong road.

CHURCH ETIQUETTE IN TEN ARTICLES

1. Come. Never miss church unless it is absolutely necessary.
2. Come early. Rushing into church the last minute is not conducive to true worship.
3. Take a place towards the front of the church; leave the rear for those who may come late.
4. Be devout—the church is not a theatre or a place of amusement. You come to worship God, not to whisper, lounge or sleep. God's house deserves our utmost reverence.
5. Be thoughtful of the comfort of others. Never make a haystack of yourself at the end of the row and expect others to crawl over you to reach a seat.
6. Always remember that strangers are the guests of the church members. Treat them with the same courtesy as you would if they should visit you in your own home.
7. Give a good offering to God.
8. Never rush for the door after the benediction as though the church were on fire. Speak and be spoken to.
9. Never stay away from church because the church is not perfect. How lonesome you would feel in a perfect church.
10. Remember at all times that you are in the House of God.

—Selected.

"WE WANT A MINISTER"

A Cry from Caledonia

"It was pathetic at the Synod (Diocese of Caledonia to listen to the native delegates from Kitwancool, Kitkatla, Massett and Kincolith. The one cry was 'We want a minister' . . . Some of the following reasons were given by the natives for wanting a minister:

"We, the Native Lay Leaders, need help very much in our study of God's Holy Word.

"We want our babies baptized in our own church.

"We want our young people married in our own church.

"We want to worship in our own church and only can do so when we have a resident clergyman.

"We want to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

"It is this work that the Church of Christ is called upon to do."

Where are the clergymen for these Indian missions?

WE GIVE THEE THANKS

O God, we thank Thee for these Summer Days,
When all the world is filled with pure delight,
The songs of Birds, the rustle of the Leaves,
The drone of Bees, the Butterfly's gay flight;
The dear wild Roses growing in our path,
The Dandelion Clock, the Bluebell gay,
The Tiger Lily, Daisy, Buttercup,
The lowing Kine, the scent of new mown Hay,
The Sunlight dancing with the fluttering leaves,
The Raindrops pearl upon the thirsty grass,
And Cloudlets floating in an azure sky,
Who greet the sun as on their way they pass.
O God, we thank Thee for these Summer Days,
When all the world is filled with pure delight,
And with the Birds and Flowers and Trees and Skies,
We give Thee thanks who doest all things right.
Nellie Blakey (Mrs. R. P.)
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Edmonton.

Many of us spend half our time wishing for things which we could have if we didn't spend so much time just wishing.

* * *

Let me but live my life from year to year with forward face and unreluctant soul.—Henry van Dyke.

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Make a resolution that you will give at least one person each day a deserved compliment.

* * *

Climbing up the ladder of success is a harder job than rolling down the hill of misfortune.

* * *

You cannot make yourself the man you ought to be by letting God alone.

* * *

Resolve that you will spend five minutes every morning thinking of some good you can do someone, and then do it.

* * *

To be what we are, and to become what we are capable of becoming, is the only end in life.—R. L. Stevenson.

Rural Deanery of Edmonton

ALL SAINTS CATHEDRAL

The Very Rev. A. M. Trendell
The Very Rev. J. E. Williams

It came as a great shock to the cathedral to hear of the sudden illness of Mr. Vernon Barford, our organist and choirmaster. After three weeks at the University Hospital, we are glad to say that he is making satisfactory progress and in very good spirits. We wish him a speedy recovery and we earnestly pray that he will be with us again very soon at the Cathedral.

In Mr. Barford's absence Miss Dorothy Teape has very kindly taken over the organ and the choir-practices are in the hands of Mr. Charles Sweetlove. Mr. Thurston Harrison and Mr. Fred Exham are helping to train the choir boys.

We have had excellent speakers for the Noon-day Services which are held in the Cathedral every day (Monday to Friday), but we would have liked to see more people coming on the Monday and Tuesday. The visiting speaker for Holy Week, April 2nd to 7th, will be our old friend, The Very Rev. Cecil Swanson, D.D., Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver. Besides the Noon-day services, he will conduct the Three Hours' Devotions on Good Friday from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. The other services for Holy Week are as follows:

Tuesday, April 4th—10:00 a.m., Holy Communion.

Wednesday, April 5th—7:30 a.m., Holy Communion.

8:00 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

Maundy-Thursday—10:00 a.m., Holy Communion.

Good Friday—10:00 a.m., Children's Service.

12:00 noon-3:00 p.m.—Three Hours Meditations. (The Very Rev. C. Swanson, D.D.)

8:00 p.m.—Evensong and Cantata "The Passion of Christ" (Percy E. Fletcher).

Easter Day—7:00 a.m., Holy Communion.

8:00 a.m.—Holy Communion.

10:00 a.m.—Children's Service.

11:00 a.m.—Matins and Sermon.

12:15 p.m.—Holy Communion.

7:30 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

The Dean left for the Coast, on March 17th, where he conducted the Noon-day Services at Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver for the week March 20th to March 24th. He is also visiting Victoria where he will also be giving a number of addresses. We sincerely hope that the Dean's mission will have fruitful results.

On February 20th and 21st A. A. Milne's play, "Mr. Pim Passes By," was staged at the Parish Hall. The play was sponsored by the All Saints Choir Association, and was

ably directed by Mr. Charles Sweetlove. The audience on both evenings appreciated the many embarrassing and lightly amusing episodes in the play, and the players including Mr. Charles Sweetlove (George), Mrs. A. Jackson (Olivia), Mr. Hewlett (Mr. Pim), Miss Ruth Gillis (Dina), Rev. J. E. Williams (Brian), Mrs. Dorothy Delaroque (Aunt Julia), and Miss Joan Waithe (Ann), had a thoroughly happy time in presenting it. We are grateful to the Community Theatre for the use of their scenery and to the many others who helped.

W.A. NOTES:

Members of All Saints W.A. Evening Group will entertain at a "Victoria Tea" and sale of home cooking and needlework at the home of Mrs. J. A. Primeau, 10013 106 St. on Wednesday, May 17th from 3 to 6 p.m.

The Senior Branch of the W.A. are very pleased to congratulate Mrs. Le-froy on the occasion of her becoming a Life member of the W.A. Mrs. Le-froy was made a Life Member of her group of the W.A. at the Ash Wednesday evening service. At the time of writing noon-day lunches are still being served in the Parish Hall following the noon-day service. The W.A.'s partaking of these, would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those who have dropped in and had lunch. We feel this has been a service to all those remaining in town. Again we thank you, and we have enjoyed looking forward to your coming to the hall day by day.

CHRIST CHURCH, EDMONTON

Canon E. S. Ottley

We are indeed glad to note that Lent has meant an increased interest by all our people in the work and workshop of the Church. It is gratifying to see so many taking advantage of the noon-tide services at the Cathedral, and marking this period of the Church's life by an increased devotion to the services in our own Church.

W.A.—The Educational meeting in February was high-lighted by a most enjoyable showing of slides by Miss V. Chapman, who had attended the International Congress of Nurses at Stockholm, and also visited England. At the same meeting there was a most charming interlude when Mrs. Brodie was presented with a corsage on the occasion of her 45th wedding anniversary.

In March the Branch catered for a luncheon for the City Clergy, the Bishop, and the visiting Lenten preacher, the Rev. Burton Thomas. The affair was convened by Mrs. Richardson, and was most enjoyable.

With regret it was decided to postpone the re-organization of the Intermediate Girls until the Fall, when it

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was hoped more of our girls might be interested.

Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Dunstall offered to assist Mrs. Ottley in visiting the Little Helpers and their mothers; more volunteers are needed for this work.

The U.T.O. Secretary made a most eloquent appeal for an increase in offerings this year.

A Corporate Communion for the members of the W.A. has been arranged for Thursday, March 23rd, at 10 a.m.

The members agreed once more to cater for a Men's Club Supper on March 17th, to be convened by Mrs. Cadogan and Mrs. Williamson.

EVENING W.A. — The Evening Branch reports a very satisfying season thus far. Since the showing of the Slides in January last, two chapters of the study book "Dawn over Japan", have been completed under the able direction of Mrs. Gladys Breadon. Knitting and sewing are well under way for our Dorcas Bale. Various members are making regular fortnightly visits to the Indian and Eskimo patients in the Camsell Hospital, whilst our "adopted" patient in the General Hospital continues to enjoy the weekly visits of our Secretary, Mrs. Gladys Priest. Our Rector, Canon E. S. Ottley, paid us the honour of a visit during February. Informal cups of tea were enjoyed following upon his very interesting address and ensuing open discussion. Plans are being made for a house party to be held at the home of one of our members at a later date.

A.Y.P.A. — The A.Y.P.A. are now carrying on with meetings every two weeks, the last meeting being taken up with amateur dramatic presentations, which showed enthusiasm, if not great talent. A beginning has been made with Badminton, and it is hoped that this activity may develop more as time goes on.

MEN'S CLUB — At their supper meeting on St. Patrick's Day, the Men's Club heard an interesting address on St. Patrick by Mr. Frank C. Dunn. The music was provided by a number of artists secured for us by Mrs. Sims. A good number of men were present, and the whole programme was most enjoyable.

HOLY TRINITY

Corner 101st St. and 84th Ave.
Canon W. M. Nainby

Lent:

The Lenten mid week services have been well attended with the Choir leading the singing. The addresses have taken the form of Questions and Answers and have dealt so far with the origin of Lent, the history of our Church of England, and the Problem of Pain.

We are looking forward to Good Friday and Easter Day. On Easter

morn there will be the early celebration of Holy Communion at 7:30 a.m. and Choral Communion at 8:30 a.m. In addition to the 11 a.m. service in the Church there will be a special Children's service also at 11 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Holy Communion will also be celebrated at 12:15 p.m.

Confirmations:

Confirmation Classes for Adults and Students are to be held throughout Lent. The Adult Confirmation has been arranged for March 28th. The Confirmation for students will be on 21st of May.

Organizations:

Choir — The choir are busy practising Stainer's "Crucifixion" in preparation for Good Friday evening. At long last the Ladies' Choir room has been attractively decorated.

W.A. — Mrs. M. F. H. Browse and Mrs. H. Rayment were made Life Members of the W.A. at a quiet, impressive service held in the Church. The Life Memberships were the gift of the members of the W.A. in appreciation of the fine contribution which both members have made and are making to the life and work of our Branch. The W.A. held a Market Stall on a recent Saturday with great success. It was a most worth while effort. The Group is also catering to the Men's Club Supper on March 20th.

Sunday School:

Our thanks to Mr. T. Walton for the gift of collection plates, and to Mr. G. Johnson for the Altar Cross for use in the Sunday School Services.

Mothers' Union:

Our best wishes go with Mrs. Crook, our President, who is visiting England for the summer months. Mrs. Cable is also leaving shortly for a visit to England, and both members were presented with parting gifts at the last meeting.

Parish Guild:

The Guild is sponsoring a concert to be presented by the St. Cecilia's Choristers in the Church Assembly Hall.

Men's Club:

The Annual St. Patrick's Supper is to take place on March 20th. Alderman Hanna is the guest speaker, and with a number of musical items also on the programme it promises

to be a fine evening's entertainment. We are hoping for a good turnout. A.Y.P.A. and Chi Rho:

There was a splendid attendance at the early celebration on the third Sunday, and at the breakfast. The A.Y. members staged a Mock Trial at a recent meeting. The usual badminton, ping pong and bowling takes place each week. We are planning a formal in the new hall after Easter, as well as a Sunday Supper for Young People.

Sanctuary Guild:

The annual Lenten Tea proved a great success. There was a fine response from the Congregation, and a most enjoyable afternoon was held in the new hall.

ST. PAUL'S

Rev. G. D. Kelly

The time is drawing near for the opening of our new church. For weeks the men of the Parish have been working relentlessly both during the day and at night to get the church ready for the Easter Services. Great Credit is due these men who have spared no effort or time in laboring on our Family House of Prayer. The building will soon be finished to the extent that we can use each area, although it will be necessary to have temporary furnishings for some period of time. In the parish there may be families or individuals who wish to give lasting memorials to the memory of their loved ones. There could be no more appropriate way than offering to give one of the numerous chancel pieces as a gift. Some churches receive all their furnishings as memorials.

Everyone is anticipating our Easter Services with feelings of joy and humble thankfulness that the goal which we set before us, only a year ago, is now within our reach. Faith has enabled us to reach this fruition. Our Patron Saint was a great exponent regarding Faith, and it is from Hebrews II, verses 1, 2 that we received our challenge. Just as the chapter enumerates the men and women of old who lived by Faith, so our men and women have contributed their talents, time and unceasing energies to a work of Faith, knowing full well that God understands our needs, and will help us to

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achieve them. But we are more fortunate than some of fold, for we will see the relations of our Faith, hence our prayers of thankfulness should be overflowing with joy and gratitude.

We are looking forward to having Bishop Barfoot with us for this new and impressive milestone in our history. The Easter Services will be Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m., Choral Communion at 11 and Evensong at 7:30 p.m.

During Lent we had visiting preachers at our evening services. This innovation was an interesting feature and it would be enjoyable to anticipate the similar exchange next year. We are grateful to the Rev. W. T. Elgin, the Rev. C. E. Wolff, the Rev. J. B. Thomas, the Rev. W. Harrison and the Rev. L. M. Watts.

On Easter Monday we are planning a Parish Birthday Party, to commemorate the first anniversary of the beginning of our new church, and to rejoice in the fruits of our year's activities. Tuesday afternoon, April 11, the Sunday School will have a movie show. Wednesday afternoon the Evening Group of the W.A. will hold an Easter Tea. The Junior Choir are having their season's party on the Thursday.

The W.A. held a very successful Rummage Sale recently and on April 1, they will again display good used clothing and rummage for those desiring bargains.

The Junior Choir award was won by Lois Cook for the month of March.

The G.A. Girls are very busy these days preparing for their festival at

Easter week. Their various assignments certainly offer a challenge to their ingenuity. The girls have set the date for their annual Mothers' Day Tea, which will be held this year on Saturday, May 13. Please mark this date on your calendar now, fathers included. Last year's menu was both tempting and diferent, and we know these teen-agers hold surprises for us again. They deserve your whole-hearted support, so turn the calendar now and circle the day.

ST. MARK'S

The Rev. Canon A. Elliott

Good Friday and Easter—The Good Friday Service will be held at 11:00 o'clock, our usual morning time and the Services at Easter will include Holy Communion 8:30 a.m. and 1:00 a.m.

Family Service 10:00 a.m. Evensong, 7:30 p.m.

Special music is being arranged for the Season.

It is a rule of the Church that all communicants shall communicate at Easter.

The number attending the mid-week Lenten Services and also the early Services of Holy Communion is steadily improving and it is hoped that the improvement will continue. Since the weather became less severe the Congregations generally have increased.

Men's Club—The men of the Club have shown during this winter, much greater interest in Church affairs and an inclination to take an active part in the life of the Church. This

is just what is needed and a very hopeful sign for the future.

Scouts and Cubs—Both groups have had a Father and Son Banquet arranged by the Mothers. In each case they were a great success and a credit to the sponsors and the leaders. Boys and Fathers seemed each proud of the other and certainly all enjoyed the evenings.

W.A.—The members of both Afternoon and Evening branches have been busily engaged. On March 23rd the Afternoon group had a visit and a talk from Mrs. Moore on the Study Book. The Evening group arranged a tea and sale on St. Patrick's Day. All were pleased at the result.

Choir—We have the opportunity to build up a Choir worthy to be compared with any small choir. We need however, a greater sense of loyalty from the Juniors, determined to be present every Sunday and at practice every Thursday no matter what else is on.

We need more Senior members, men and women, to help build such a Choir. This is a grand way to help your Church and can be of untold benefit to those who volunteer.

Come on Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

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Confirmation classes are in progress and tentative dates have been



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arranged for Easter Sunday afternoon and St. Mark's Day, April 25th as dates for Confirmation.

A very happy evening was spent this month at the home of Mrs. C. J. Cooper to express our appreciation of the work of Mr. Bernard Young as organist of the Church. A suitable gift was made to Mr. Young to keep him in mind of his association with St. Mark's.

ST. FAITH'S

Rev. L. M. Watts

What does Lent mean to you? To a small person, years ago, it was—that long, gloomy time of the year that seemed to consist of "thou shall not's." No candy, no sweets, no comics, no movies, no anything that was fun—"this is Lent." But now it is a rather wonderful period of time in which to think and search ones soul. "What kind of a Christian do you appear to those with whom you come in daily contact," asked one visiting preacher. "When you pray," said another, "do you tell God, or let God tell you? Prayer is the means by which God's power is released into human life." This parish has been very fortunate, during the last month, in having a number of guest speakers. Dean G. R. Calvert; Rev. W. E. Harrison; Rev. F. A. Peake, and Rev. W. T. Elkin. Each man in his way giving us much to think on.

A special service was held February 19th, at 3:00 p.m. when all Brownies, Guides, Cubs and Scouts in this district paraded to church.

The W.A. Quarterly Board Meeting of Feb. 17th, was held in the parish hall. At the close of business all present were guests of the Afternoon and Evening branches for tea.

The Afternoon W.A. served luncheon to the clergy at noon March 6th, when the Rev. F. R. Gartrell, of Winnipeg, was the speaker.

Evening Group W.A. members held a pleasant Valentine tea at the home of Mrs. V. T. Young, the afternoon of Feb. 16th. A food parcel has been taken to Britain in time for Easter.

G.A. members held their Annual Sleigh Ride last month and returned to the home of Mrs. Hughes for the important "eats" afterwards. The girls joined with C.G.I.T.; Guides and Y-Teens for a girls' service at Central United, on the evening of the Women's World Day of Prayer. Eileen Field read the Litany of Confession. An Easter tea will be held on Friday, April 14th, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the parish hall. The girls are working hard, under the direction of their leader, Miss Mary Whyte, on their Folk Dancing and Negro Spirituals for the G.A. Festival.

On Feb. 20th, the Men's Club entertained their wives. Mr. Hobbins

spoke on Aviation in Britain before 1939 and a most interesting film was shown by courtesy of Swift's Canadian.

The unwary, going into the parish hall these days, are likely to get the "bird," but literally! Badminton clubs have been organized for the old, the young and those not so either, interest and enthusiasm runs high. Anyone wishing to join should contact Mr. P. A. Fairbrother, 71319, Mr. Bill Miller or Miss Tory Whyte.

ST. LUKE'S

Canon A. Wallis

By the time you receive your "Churchman" the Season of Lent will be over. Quite a number from St. Luke's attended the mid-day Lenten Services held in All Saint's Cathedral, and the Vicar is grateful to those who made the effort.

The afternoon group of the W.A. with the assistance of other ladies of the congregation served lunches throughout the third week of the series, and say they derived great pleasure from so doing. Our thanks to them all.

Mr. J. A. Ross and family left Edmonton at the end of Feb. to return to England, and St. Luke's suffered a great loss, as Mr. Ross served faithfully and well in the Choir and as Honorary Lay Reader. We wish them well in their new sphere of life.

The A.Y.P.A.—acted as hosts to the other city groups at a sleighing party on Friday, Feb. 17th. About 85 young people were present, and after the "trip," enjoyed a feed of weiners and beans in the Parish Hall.

A Military Whist Drive was held in the Parish Hall on Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 21st, and about 11 tables were in attendance and a good time was had by all. Two members of our A.Y. have expressed their willingness to enter the Public Speaking Contest to be held in St. Mark's Parish Hall on Friday, March 31st. We wish them lots of luck. Our dues during Lent are being placed in the Pyramid Missionary Box as is the usual custom here.

The G.A. and J.W.A.—are busy with Festival work, Handicrafts, Singing and Dancing.

The Men's Club—at the March business meeting arranged to take on Sidesmans' duty in Church also to be responsible for the upkeep of the Church grounds, and to raise funds to meet the years taxes.

We are pleased to hear that Mrs. Coles is now recovering after an operation and trust she will soon be back in her usual place.

Baptisms—March 5th; Ira James White, Dolly Ellen White, Diane Sharon White, Lionel Ira White. March 12th; Leslie Anne Kreller, Robert Conrad Wilfrid Foord, Janis Irene Foord.

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ST. PETER'S

The Rev. R. S. Faulks

1950 brought us the best Annual Meeting the parish has experienced in many years. The Afternoon Branch of the W.A. saw that an excellent supper was served at 6:30, for nearly 90 members of the congregation. Shortly after supper, the business of the Annual Meeting took place, and moved along quickly with encouraging reports from all sections of parish activity. The sincere appreciation of the congregation was expressed to all those who had the responsibility of organization, and to all who assisted them in that work.

Retiring members of the Vestry were made Honorary Members, in appreciation of long service to the Church at large, and the parish in particular. Our best wishes and thanks to, Mr. George Edgecombe, Mr. Arthur Brown, Mr. Frank Niblett, Mr. Norton Lyster, Mr. Edward Ledgard, Mr. Charles Guy, Mr. R. J. Furnell.

Dr. B. J. Eastwood and Capt. A. F. Stafford are the Wardens for 1950 and members of the Vestry are: Messrs. W. Baldock, H. Barnes, E. N. Bailes, E. J. Donnelly, L. F. Davis, Don Dobie, L. A. Exham, W. Harper, G. A. Rands, L. B. Seegar, H. Shell, A. H. J. Want.

Mr. Exham has accepted the office of Envelope Secretary and Mr. Dobie the post of Vestry Clerk. Mr. B. L. Bricker's offer to be bookkeeper was thankfully accepted by the Vestry.

Men of the parish who attended the Shrove Tuesday Dinner enjoyed it thoroughly, and found, in common with others present that they got a real "lift" from the whole proceeding.

Our new "Mothers' Group," with the help of W.A. branches, and all the ladies of the parish had a very busy and profitable time catering for two different bospiels. It was hard work, and very wearying, but when it was all over, it was voted both a great and enjoyable experience!

At the end of March, St. Peter's concludes a long and happy association with the Church of the Good Shepherd, for both parishes are growing at such a rate that it seems advisable to take this step, believing it will be for the strengthening of each. Our best wishes to them, and to the new incumbent, the Rev. G. W. Wilson.

Forthcoming Events in April:

A.Y.P.A. Bazaar in the Community Hall; Evening W.A. Fashion Show.

CHURCH of the GOOD SHEPHERD

1950 began well for us, with an Annual Meeting at which excellent reports were received of things accomplished by the parish through its various organizations and members. It was good to learn that the build-

ing loan had been paid off, and that the parish began the new year with a clear slate. The meeting learned with interest that the present happy arrangement with St. Peter's would likely conclude shortly, and that this parish would have the opportunity of becoming more independent and self-supporting, which it was thought would be a good step forward.

Mr. T. P. Atkinson and Mr. W. E. Briggs are the Wardens for 1950, and are supported by a Vestry consisting of the Presidents of parish organizations together with: Messrs. Jack Moore, Ed. Worrall, F. W. Wilson, G. W. Wills.

Congratulations were extended to Mr. Briggs on his more than 25 years of service to the parish in several capacities, not least as Warden and organist.

On the last Sunday in Feb. a large number of parishioners turned out to welcome the Bishop and Archdeacon, and with them in the parish hall, after the service, to enjoy a Social hour in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Briggs. They are leaving soon on a trip to England. In appreciation of his years of service, Mr. Briggs was presented with a club bag and a purse, and a bouquet of carnations was graciously accepted by Mrs. Briggs, with best wishes also from those present on behalf of the congregation.

The W.A. had a most successful Valentine Tea, our sincere thanks for all who helped make it so.

Look for announcement of the Easter Tea.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

The Rev. W. E. Harrison

Feb. 19th, the first Sunday in Founder's Week, was the occasion of a Church parade for St. John's Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies.

At Evensong, the same day, the officers of the newly-established A.Y.P.A. were installed.

St. John's have been happy to welcome as preachers at Evensong the Rev. C. E. F. Wolff of St. Stephen's Church; the Rev. F. Gartrell of St. George's, Winnipeg; and the Rev. W. Elkin of St. Mary's Church during the past three weeks.

The W.A. are busy with preparations for a Tea, sale of handiwork and home cooking to be held in the Parish Hall on May 4th.

The men of the Church are holding weekly work parties and steady progress is being made on finishing the interior of the addition to the Church.

Lenten services are being held on Thursday evenings and preparations for Easter services are under way. The Good Friday service this year will be conducted by the Rev. W. Elkin of St. Mary's Church.

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10:00 a.m.—Holy Communion.

7:30 p.m.—The Maundy Thursday
Evening Liturgy.

Good Friday: 8:00 a.m.—Altar Pray-
ers.

9:30 a.m.—Mattins.

10:00 The Good Friday Liturgy.

12:00-3:00—The Devotion of the
Three Hours.

7:30 p.m.—A Recital of Passion
Music with the reading of ap-
propriate lessons.

Easter Eve: 8:00 a.m.—Altar Pray-
ers.

8:00 p.m.—The First Evensong of
Easter and the Blessing of the
Paschal Candle.

Easter Day: 7:00 a.m.—Holy Com-
munion.

8:00 a.m.—Holy Communion.

10:00 a.m.—Children's Service.

11:00 Procession and Solemn Eu-
charist.

7:30 p.m.—Solemn Evensong,
Procession and Te Deum.

We are very happy to record that
Mr. Ballantine seems to have made a
good recovery from his recent illness
and is now on duty at the organ
again.

**ST. GEORGE'S
FORT SASKATCHEWAN**

Rev. W. W. Buxton

The past month has passed quickly
for it has been a busy one for the
members of the W.A. They have cat-
tered to the Lions' Club supper, at-
tended to the concession stand at the
hockey games, served lunch at the
Lions' Club dance and sponsored a
pancake supper which was not as
successful financially as it was hoped it
would be. The members are very
grateful for the support received
from the members of Bon Accord and
Gibbons parishes on this occasion.

The World Day of Prayers service
was held in our church on Feb. 23rd,
the address was given by Mrs. W. A.
Magee.

The finance committee of the Ves-
try held a meeting recently and made
plans for a renewal of the campaign

to raise funds for the church build-
ing fund.

Baptism—Feb. 19th, Merna Diane
Thomlinson infant daughter of Mr.
and Mrs. J. Thomlinson.

**ST. MICHAEL AND
ALL ANGELS**

Rev. G. W. Wilson

As a result of negotiations St.
Michael and All Angels Parish has
been separated from St. Faith's Par-
ish and is now joined with the
Church of the Good Shepherd, Cal-
der.

The Rev. G. W. Wilson is no longer
the assistant at St. Faith's, but is to
be instituted by the Bishop of Ed-
monton as Rector of these combined
parishes. The institution will take
place in The Church of the Good
Shepherd, Calder on Thursday, April
13th at 8:00 p.m.

Our parish boundaries on the south
have been re-adjusted to include east
of 82nd Street and north of 122nd
Avenue.

The ancient custom of keeping the
4th Sunday in Lent as Mothering
Sunday was observed in traditional
manner. After the Blessing, flowers
were distributed as a tribute to
Motherhood.

The Easter Services will be: Good
Friday, 12:00 noon. Easter Day, 11:00
a.m. Holy Communion and Sunday
School. 7:30 p.m. Evensong and ser-
mon when the preacher will be the
Rev. F. A. Peake B.D., Western Field
Secretary of the G.B.R.E.

The W.A. is holding their Easter
Tea on Wednesday, April 19th from
2:30 p.m. in the North Edmonton
Community Hall.

The Junior Confirmation class is
being held on Tuesday at 7:45.
There is still time for any who wish
to be confirmed to join.

Burials—Joseph James Mohs.

ST. PAUL'S, LEDUC

Archdeacon C. F. A. Clough

The evening services held on the
second and fourth Sundays have
been well attended.

The W.A. met at the home of
President Mrs. C. T. Dickson with
seven members and one visitor pres-
ent. Materials for the Dorcas bale
were purchased.

The next meeting will be held at
the home of Mrs. H. R. Light on
April 6th.

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JASPER**

Services have continued to be held
in the Parish Hall due to the break-
down of the heating plant in the
Church. We appreciate the loyalty of

the "faithful few" whose steady at-
tendance at the Mid-Week Lenten
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roads has been most encouraging,
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ing to play the piano and lead the singing at these Services. The addresses have been on the "Eight Deadlier Sins" referred to in the Litany: Blindness of Heart, Pride, Vain-Glory, Hypocrisy, Envy, Malice, Hatred and All Uncharitableness—and there is no question of their "deadliness."

The Women's Day of Prayer Service was held in the United Church on the afternoon of Feb. 24th. Mrs. Bruce Wilson, vice-president of St. Mary's E.B.W.A., gave a splendid address on The Value of Corporate Prayer.

At the Vestry Meeting on March 7th good reports were received with respect to the Appeal for "One Day's Pay," which has brought in to date the sum of \$275.00. The Vestry expressed its thanks to Mr. George Prowse and Mr. George Kohar for their work in dismantling the furnace and getting things ready for the repairs to the boiler in the Church. It was arranged at this Meeting to buy new Hymn and Prayer Books as it was felt these were badly needed.

We are planning Holy Week and Easter Day Services as usual, and we hope that the Church heating plant will be in order by then. The Services are:

Holy Week: Mid-Week Lenten Service Wednesday, April 5th, 8:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
Maundy Thursday, April 6th, Holy Communion, 10:00 a.m. in the Church.

Good Friday, April 7th, Services at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Church.

Easter Day: Holy Communion 8:00 a.m.

Children's Service at 10:15 a.m.
Choral Celebration of Holy Communion at 11:00 a.m.
Little Helper's Service at 3:00 p.m.

Festal Evensong at 8:00 p.m.

Donations of flowers for the Church at Easter will be gratefully received and may be brought to the Church on Saturday afternoon.

The Choir is at present busily engaged in preparing special music for the Easter Services.

The E.B.W.A. Easter Sale of Work, Home-Cooking and Afternoon Tea will be held in the Parish Hall on Saturday, April 15th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Donations towards the Bake Table and White Elephant Stall from members of the congregation will be very much appreciated.

The Parish Guild is arranging an Old Time Dance to be held in the Parish Hall on April 21st, at which the music will be provided by Mr. Al Cook and his orchestra.

We hope that the members of the congregation will give their support

to both these efforts on the part of Church organizations.

Some time ago the J.B.W.A. set as its objective the placing of lights at the Lectern and Prayer Desk and we hope to have these installed so that they can be Dedicated by the Bishop when he comes for the Confirmation Service on March 30th.

At the end of Feb. Mr. Cyril Elliott was transferred by the bank to Vancouver, and we shall miss him. He has been a very useful member of the Vestry and most helpful in reading the Lessons. Our good wishes go with him in his new sphere of work.

A gathering of the congregation was held in the Vicarage on Friday Evening, March 10th to wish God-speed to Mr. and Mrs. Edenborough on the eve of their departure for Edmonton where Mr. Edenborough has accepted a position. We were very sorry more people could not have been there, but it was only learned the day before, that they were leaving. On behalf of the congregation Mr. Boon presented two pictures of the Church to Mr. and Mrs. Edenborough and spoke with deep appreciation of their faithfulness and loyalty to the Church over the long period of years they have resided in Jasper. Mrs. Edenborough has been a member of the Choir and cared for the Sanctuary and Altar Linen besides providing the flowers from Sunday to Sunday which were grown by Mr. Edenborough in their own garden. One of the pictures was of the Sanctuary on which Mrs. Edenborough has spent so much time and loving care.

Mr. Edenborough has served on the Vestry and has always shown a willingness to help in any way possible for the welfare of the Church. They will both be greatly missed, not only by the congregation as a whole, but by the Vicar and Mrs. Boon to whom they have shown many personal kindnesses. Our sincere wish is that they may have a happy, prosperous life in their new surroundings.

ST. MARY'S, BARRHEAD

Rev. D. V. A. Browne

The March Meeting of St. Mary's W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. Claude Pickrell.

At the February Meeting it was agreed that we should double our pledges and they were voted to be paid in full this month.

The dresses for our Dorcas bale are completed and the members are now working on a patch-work bed cover also for the bale. The members regret to have to cancel the engagement of Mr. Vernon Barford's Carillon Singers and sent him a card wishing him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. A. E. Goode's illness is cause for deep regret and the hospital

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visiting committee have paid her regular visits.

The W.A. hopes that all the Church members who receive St. Patrick's Day aprons will return them in due course, properly filled. The W.A. hopes to have additional new Prayer and Hymn Books in the Church in time for Easter. The members are also pleased to announce that they have chosen Mrs. B. B. Hanson as a new Life Member of the W.A. in recognition of her untiring efforts in this organization.

ST. PHILIP'S, WESTLOCK

Our Vicar, Rev. D. V. A. Browne and our People's Warden, Mr. J. W. Cowley, were among the guests at the Diocesan Laymen's Dinner held in the Macdonald Hotel on Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 21st.

Const. W. H. M. Brace, the Vicar's Warden, is away at present on his honeymoon, having been married to Miss McIntyre at Yorkton, Saskatchewan on Wednesday, March 8th.

St. Philip's Ladies' Guild had charge of the Lunch Counter at the curling rink on Wednesday and Thursday, March 1st and 2nd. They catered to the Ladies' District Bonspiel. A substantial sum was realized. The next undertaking on the agenda for the Guild will be on Wednesday, March 15th when they serve tea at the Parish Hall for the Ladies' Curling Executives.

Marriage—On March 4th Joseph James Roberts of Slave Lake, Alta. to Hazel Yvonne Porter of Westlock, Alta.

St. Stephen's, Sunnybrook

The ladies of St. Stephen's Church held a Tea at the home of Mrs. W. Sexty of Pibroch on Wednesday, March 15th. The event was very well patronized and it is hoped that in the near future another tea will be held at the home of Mrs. J. R. Dyer to raise funds for carrying on the work of the Church in this area.

Christ Church, Jarvie

Christ Church W.A. met at the home of Mrs. Hugh Johnson on March 7th with seven members present. The ladies voted \$150.00 to the Vestry for repairs to the Church. "This repair work is going on at the present time.

At this meeting work was also given to the members for a sale to be held in the Spring. After a pleasant afternoon the meeting was brought to a close by prayer.

ST. CATHERINES, EDSON

The W.A. Spring sale to be held on April 15th, and Lenten sewing meetings are being held every Wednesday in preparation for this event.

The monthly devotional meeting is being incorporated in the regular meeting under the direction of Mrs.

Rear. This arrangement promises to be very successful.

Baptisms—Linda Lee, Edward Patrick and Richard Clayton Riding, baptised at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Peet on Feb. 25th. Mary Anne, and Diana Rose Wendt.

On Wednesday evenings throughout Lent services with slides on the life of Our Lord, are being conducted by the Rev. J. G. Gardiner.

ST. LUKE'S, CLYDE

Rev. D. V. A. Browne

In observance of the World's Day of Prayers, St. Luke's W.A. joined with the ladies of the United Church in a service of prayer, which was led by Mrs. Robinson, president of United W.A. The address was given by Miss Hall of St. Luke's W.A. and members of both groups offered prayers. The attendance was very good and the occasion a happy one.

The March meeting of St. Luke's W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. Huidle.

A very good report of the Bake sale was received and proceeds voted to the Vestry to help with Church expenses.

It was decided to hold a Tea, Sale of Home Cooking and Needlework.

ST. DAVID'S PARISH, FOOTHILLS

One Annual Meeting of St. David's Parish, Foothills, was held its Even-song on March 5th with the Rev. George O. Robinson in the chair.

Mr. Robinson read the letter from The Rev. H. W. Berchner, making Mr. Robinson priest-in-charge of Foothills Branch. This simply means that Mr. Robinson will be responsible for all meetings and congregations. Mr. Buchner and Mr. Gardine will be coming in for services and for a visit as usual.

Mr. Robinson expressed the gratitude of the clergy for the friendliness and co-operation and faithfulness of the people during this first year of St. Faith's Mission and set forth some of his plans for the coming year.

Mrs. Browne was commended for her work with the Sunday School.

Mr. G. Benson gave the financial report showing the parish in sound financial condition with the financial obligations paid in full for 1949.

The W.A. reports a good year under Mrs. A. Brownee as president and look forward to another successful and pleasant year with Mrs. W. Morris in the chair.

Our Sunday School has had an average attendance of 20 under the leadership of Mrs. Brownee with Miss Helen Predka or Miss Nancy Tomlayson as faithful assistants.

Mr. Benson was re-appointed Vicar's Warden and Mr. E. Griffiths was elected People's Warden.

Besides the wardens and Mrs. Morris (W.A.) the following are members of the vestry: J. Finlayson, C. Dunworth, W. Morris, Mrs. S. Sheppard.

Mrs. Sheppard offered to send in the monthly report of Foothill news to the Edmonton Churchman.

ONOWAY AND WABAMUN MISSIONS

Canon J. C. Matthews

The church at Onoway has now been equipped for electric lighting. The work was done by Mr. Yeoman as a donation to the church. The funds of the Games Committee contributed over \$40.00. The total cost for materials was slightly over \$60.00.

The newly formed Altar Guild met for the first time on Tuesday the first week in March and already some work has been accomplished. The W.A. plans a sale of work, home cooking and tea on Saturday, April 15th.

We have had the Annual Meeting at Wabamun. The Church has been much improved as far as warmth goes by the provision of storm doors and windows. The financial statement showed a good sized balance in hand.

Many thanks are due to Mrs. Margerison for playing the organ and to Miss Margerison for looking after the church and holding Sunday School and to Mrs. Foster for acting as Sec.-Treas. in a most efficient way.

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We had a service in the new location at Bilby with every seat occupied which means a congregation of eight. Mr. Bell is now making some new benches. This church room is in the old C.N.R. station which we have been allowed to fix up for a small church by the kind permission of the officials.

Duffield

The annual meeting of the St. Matthews Anglican W.A. was held at

Rural Deanery of Vermilion

ST. SAVIOUR'S, VERMILION

At the Feb. Dorcas meeting the senior branch of St. Saviour's W.A. of Vermilion began the new study book "Dawn over Japan."

Many members attended the World's Day of Prayer on Feb. 24th.

The W.A. business meeting showed that a most satisfactory sum had been realized from the curlers' banquet. At this meeting builders plans for church remodelling and the building of a parish hall were presented by Mr. Thos. Watts who asked for our thoughtful consideration and criticism of the ideas and plans outlined.

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN VEGREVILLE

The Rev. H. G. Brant

On the Feast of St. Matthias', Apostle and Martyr, (Friday, Feb. 24th), the Women's World Day of Prayer was observed in St. Mary's. In previous years this Service was conducted in the United Church. But this year every non-Roman Church was represented, except the Lutheran, and Mrs. George Warren, the President of St. Mary's W.A., conducted the Service. Mr. Brant gave the address and linked the theme of the World's Day of Prayer with the Feast of St. Matthias and with the Holy Fast of Lent. He called on all present to re-dedicate themselves and ask for Grace to live up to that which they had just prayed for. Mr. George Kuwata, the organist of St. Mary's, presided at the organ having left his work in order to do this. Such gracious service is certainly appreciated.

The Vestry room in the Church building has, at last, been completed, except for a little paint or kalsomine that is. Because of the kind services and work of Messrs. C. Hayter, J. Nicholson, George Kuwata and Wm. Nicholson, we can now boast a fine Vestry room which serves as a Sunday School room, and periodically as a meeting room for the W.A. and Guild.

Notice has been brought to the writer that St. Mary's Guild intends to improve the comfort of our wor-

the home of Mrs. T. N. Rowe on March 4th.

The Rev. Canon J. C. Matthews was in the choir during the election of new officers. Officers elected for the coming year are: Mrs. T. Kirby, President; Mrs. Ann Tyrrell, Vice-President; Mrs. G. Luckett, Secretary-Treasurer. The secretary's report showed a healthy bank balance and discussions will get underway in the near future to decide what improvements will be made to the church and grounds.

shippers at prayer by covering all the kneelers in Church first with a felt base and then with a carpeting similar to or at least not unlike, the beautiful green carpet which now covers the Sanctuary. The Sanctuary carpet was a generous gift from the W.A. something over a year ago—And while we are on the subject of kneelers, we must note the fact that Mr. C. Hayter industriously made several new kneelers for the pews lacking the same. Now we can engage in the traditional posture of Anglican prayer.

St. Mary's, recently, was the happy recipient of a new Fair Linen Cloth for the Altar. This Cloth was a gift from the Embroidery Department of the W.A. of the Diocese of Toronto. The Vicar blessed this Fair Linen Cloth before a recent Evensong and a letter of thanks and appreciation was dispatched to the kind donors of this beautiful gift.

The choir is now busy preparing for Easter and it is happy to welcome Mrs. Ralph Hayter into its midst.

ST. GEORGE'S, MARWAYNE

In spite of bad roads and cold weather, services have been held regularly by Rev. Cathcart.

The delayed annual congregation meeting was held on March 7th, attendance was poor. A delegate was chosen for Diocesan Synod meeting with alternate substitutes so as to ensure representation at that important time.

Mrs. Astan served a nice lunch in her home which was greatly enjoyed.

Considerable discussion concerning the finishing and flooring of the basement as soon as weather permits brought out different opinions as to the correct method to use for a permanent job.

CHRIST CHURCH, MANNVILLE

The Rev. V. P. Cole

The March meeting of the W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. Hughes and in spite of the Mixed Bonspiel a large number of members turned out. We were happy to welcome two

new members, Mrs. W. Jackson and Miss K. Sutton. The members were pleased to have Mrs. R. Hart (nee Edith Jones) visit with the branch, and we hope to have the pleasure of her company at our meetings again during her stay in Mannville.

Mrs. Otto is the W.A. representative for the Annual Red Cross Canvas which is to be conducted this month. We do hope that everyone will co-operate with the ladies of the various organizations who have taken over this very worth while work.

We were very pleased to welcome Dr. Watts again to the Parish on Wednesday, March 15th. He spoke to the Sunday School children and their teachers in the afternoon, and showed them a very instructive film on the work our Church is doing in India. After the mid-week Lenten Service the congregation adjourned the Parish Hall where Dr. Watts addressed them and showed two very instructive films. The first one showing the tremendous opportunities facing the Christian Church. The second picture gave a few brief glimpses of how our Church is meeting these challenges brought about by world conditions today. Our only regret is that so few took the opportunity to hear Dr. Watts thought provoking and inspiring address, and to see these two splendid films.

Baptism—Dec. 4th, 1949; Daryl Richard Arnold.

WILBERFORCE

Rev. V. P. Cole

Since Christmas, the Church services have been held in members homes. It is hoped, weather, and roads permitting, to resume services in the school building with the Easter service.

On March 1st the W.A. catered to the Minburn Ladies' Bonspiel banquet and enjoyed a most successful evening. This was their first attempt at anything like that but judging by the compliments received we trust it won't be their last. Special thanks to those kind ladies in Minburn who helped so generously.

Plans are now under way to acquire new chairs and a Communion rail for the Church. We hope to see both projects realized very soon.

Baptism—Patricia Ann Squarok.

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Rev. F. E. Smith

Girl's Auxiliary — The members of the Girl's Auxiliary group held a Pancake supper in the Parish Hall on Shrove Tuesday, which proved to be a very popular venture. The girls appreciated the help of Mrs. Clarke and Mrs. Lidgett and feel that much of the success of the supper was due to the splendid help given by these ladies. Mrs. Clarke, who is a skilled worker in various types of handicraft is assisting the girls in a new type of handicraft, which will probably be displayed at the festival.

Junior Auxiliary — The Junior Auxiliary have welcomed several new members in recent weeks. The girls are working hard in preparation for stripes and badges. The help of Mrs. Higginson is greatly appreciated by this group. The members are quite enthusiastic about the several items which are being prepared for the annual festival in May.

Laymens' Banquet — Wetaskiwin was well represented at the Shrove Tuesday Laymens' Banquet at the Macdonald Hotel, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The splendid address given by the Bishop of Athabasca will long be remembered, and its effect will be far reaching in the church life of our diocese.

Ash Wednesday — We were greatly honored at our Ash Wednesday service by the presence of the Lord Bishop of Athabasca and the Lord Bishop of Edmonton and Mrs. Barfoot. The members of the congregation were thrilled by the inspiring address given by the Right Rev. A. H. Sovereign. Unfortunately owing to the adverse weather, the congregation was not one to do justice to such an auspicious occasion.

Woman's World Day of Prayer — The service this year was held in the United Church and was well attended by the members of the Anglican congregation.

Week of Prayer — This was sponsored as usual by the members of the Ministerial Association. Owing to the large number of churches in the city, a service was not held in the Anglican church. The rector gave the address to a large congregation upon the Wednesday evening in the United Church.

Sanctuary Guild — At a recent meeting held at the home of Mrs. Cole, the rector gave an address upon the Ornaments and Symbols of our Church. This was followed by a fruitful discussion period.

Sunday School — A kindergarten group has been added to our Sunday

School, which is held at the same hour as the morning service. This is under the able direction of Mrs. Helam, and was instituted to allow parents to attend church, secure in the knowledge that their tiny children are being well looked after.

Transportation — Members who cannot attend church through lack of transportation are asked to phone 103 and a car will call for them. Several loyal members of the congregation have signified their willingness to take part in this scheme.

Women's Auxiliaries — The members of the Girls' Auxiliary and the Junior Auxiliary would like to express their sincere appreciation to the members of the senior branches for the excellent help, which is manifested in so many ways.

Duplex Envelopes — Immanuel Church depends entirely for its maintenance and missionary obligations upon the generous and regular donations of its members. For this we recommend the DUPLEX ENVELOPES. Boxes of these will be gladly furnished upon request to the Rector or Treasurer. For any donations made by Duplex Envelopes receipts are issued for Income Tax purposes.

ST. MARY'S, PONOKA

The Senior members of the W.A. attended in a body the funeral of the late Mrs. Jake Beck. She had been organist in early years in St. Mary's Church and a W.A. worker until of late years. Indifferent health confined her to her home.

Mr. Smith presided at a Sanctuary Guild Meeting held recently at the home of Mrs. Healing with nine members present; Mrs. Paterson was named president with Mrs. Jensen as secretary-treasurer.

The Evening W.A. met early in March in the Parish Hall with Mrs. Severance and Mrs. Schurman as hostesses. The Feb. Tea and home cooking was a success and members are enthusiastic about ways and means of making Talent Money as a spring project.

A supper is being planned by S.S. teachers for the children the evening of March 21st when Mr. Watts will visit with them and show films at 7:00 p.m. and later at 8:00 p.m. to adults and friends of the congregation.

We were sorry to lose the Taylors this month. Mrs. Taylor taught Sunday School and had Juniors and was a faithful member of the Evening W.A., while Mr. Taylor served on the Vestry. Our best wishes go with them to Vancouver, their new home.

ST. ANDREW'S, CAMROSE The Rev. C. F. W. Goddard

The Lenten services this year are more ambitious in their goal than in the last two years, and so far are doing fairly well. Each Wednesday morning we have Holy Communion at 7:45 a.m., to accommodate those who must go to work or school, and at 9:30 a.m. Each Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 there is instruction for the children and any other interested in a systematic presentation of the Church's faith. This Lent we are going through the Bible with the hope of teaching the children at least the main outlines of Biblical knowledge. The method is catechetical as much as possible and makes use of such visual aids as are at hand. Each Wednesday evening at 8:00 there is a Lenten service; on March 1st we were privileged when our Bishop brought Dean Calvert to be our preacher. Afterwards we were able to have a social hour and a good many of our parishioners were able to meet Dr. and Mrs. Calvert and to enjoy again the fellowship with the Bishop and Mrs. Barfoot.

The bell tower in our church has given a certain amount of trouble in times of rain or thaw by allowing water to seep through into the hallway and kitchen. The vestry have now stopped the trouble permanently by the construction of a metal deck below the bells.

We were able to resume services for the Willowdale congregation on Mothering Sunday, and by holding the service in the hall at Round Hill were able to take into our fellowship a number of the townspeople there.

The A.Y.P.A. as is their annual custom made and presented gifts to the mothers present at St. Andrew's Church on the morning of Mothering Sunday.

Baptisms — During the last month have been those of: Angeline Nada Dabetic of Camrose; Gordon Edward Foss of Round Hill and Robert Malcolm MacDonald of Round Hill.

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ST. DUNSTAN'S, BITTERN LAKE

A small gathering of women met for the World Day of Prayer service Feb. 24th. The leader, Mrs. J. G. Baker, was assisted by Mrs. Ochsner, Mrs. Butcher, Mrs. Ramsell and Mrs. Horace Ramsell.

The attendance at the Lenten week-day services is improving, and we are grateful to our rector for giving

us this service which means an extra trip each week.

A new plan for the Church School is being tried. It is the holding of the school at 10:00 o'clock, Saturday morning. This too, means a special trip for Mr. Goddard, but he is so very willing to come if it is more convenient for the children, so let us be ready to do our part and make this important work a success.

Rural Deanery of Wainwright

ST. THOMAS, WAINWRIGHT

The Rev. R. K. Walters

The men who attended the Laymen's Dinner returned enthusiastic following the inspiring address heard and the fellowship experienced. 14 attended from St. Thomas and one from Irma, we thank Dr. Ascah, Bill Coleman and Frank McLeod for providing the transportation. Battle Heights intended to send representatives but the roads prevented their attendance. We hope that all the parish centres will attend the Service of Witness to be held in the city next Fall.

The visit of Dr. Watts of the M.S.C.C. was a highlight of the month of March. We were challenged by the addresses and the films, our "red side" should benefit in increased missionary offerings. Full churches greeted Dr. Watts and the Fellowship Hour gave us the opportunity to meet him personally. When we were informed that the average contribution to missions of each Anglican in Canada was only 60¢ a year, our complacency received a shock.

The season of Lent thus far has seen increased numbers in church. The Second Sunday in Lent was marked by five less communicants than we had at Choral Communion on Christmas Day. It is gratifying to us all to note the response of the men which we believe to be a direct result of the Shrove Tuesday gathering. Wednesday evening services are also fairly well attended. But we would be happy to see more parishioners following the series of addresses on "The Way the Truth and the Life."

The Confirmation class is grateful to the Rev. F. A. Peake for lending his slides on the Communion Service. The Sunday following the Confirmation service we plan to have a fellowship breakfast after the service and we will discuss plans to do so at the breakfast.

The G.A. and J.A. are busy preparing for their Festivals. The G.A. group are spending a great deal of time in perfecting their dance routine.

The St. Thomas W.A. held a successful Tea and Shower in the hall.

Mrs. Laird, Lally and McLeod sponsored the effort. The musicale provided good entertainment for the guests. The Park branch is active and they intend to assist with the spring cleaning in the church.

We say welcome home again to Mr. and Mrs. George Gregson and to George Sabine. Mr. Gregson hit the headlines when he returned to the local hospital for treatment instead of remaining in Victoria. We also welcome Lt. O'Brien and his family to the parish from Kingston, Ont. Some of the Sweet-Briar men have attended services on their return from the Arctic, they were glad to get back to warmer climes. The rector is acting as chaplain again during the winter camp period.

An announcement in the C. of E. Newspaper will be of interest to many friends of the Rev. L. A. Bralant, a former rector of this parish. Mr. Bralant has been appointed Vicar of St. Matthew, Muswell Hill, diocese of London.

The parish is happy to learn that Leo Thurston will be ordained Deacon on Trinity Sunday. We know his family is proud and our prayers are with Leo as he prepares for Ordination.

RODINO

In October we were sorry to lose our secretary, Mrs. Stuart Daniel, also her husband and two children. They left to make their home at Kelowna, B.C. Mrs. Daniel was our organizer for the past seven years and we all miss her and her family as they were regular church members, but we hope they will like their new home in B.C.

On October 31st, the W.A. served lunch at the sale of T. W. Daniel and Son and did well financially.

In November, we held our meeting at the home of Mrs. Frank Jewett with all members present. Mrs. Ian Daniel was appointed to act as secretary until our annual meeting. Mrs. Winfield was appointed to write the notes for the Churchman. It was decided to hold a masquerade on Nov. 25th at the hall. The masquerade was a success and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Winfield won first prize for the best dressed couple.

The annual Christmas Communion Service was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Vandervaate. After the service Santa Claus came for the children with a present for each child.

The bishop conducted service on Dec. 6th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ian Daniel.

The Feb. meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Winfield. This was our annual meeting with all members, except the president, and five visitors. All officers were elected to hold their same position.

It was decided to hold a Whist Drive, at the home of Mrs. Ian Daniel, on March 17th.

On March 5th we had our first church service since before Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Winfield. The weather and roads have been so bad Mr. Orme couldn't get out before. John Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Williams was baptized.

We are very sorry to report that Miss Audrey is gravely ill in the University Hospital. She has been in hospital since November.

Mrs. Revill, through worry and strain is now also confined to hospital. Everyone here at Rodino and district prays to our Lord to make Audrey well again.

HOLY TRINITY, TOFIELD

The Rev. E. N. P. Orme

The Laymen's dinner on Shrove Tuesday was attended by five of our men who returned with enthusiastic reports. Bishop Sovereign's address will long be remembered.

The World Day of Prayer Service was held in our church this year and was well attended. Mrs. H. B. Ricker of the United Church gave an address and the service was conducted by the Vicar who was assisted by representatives of the various communions taking part in this united service.

The Rev. H. G. Watts, Western Field Secretary of M.S.C.C. on March 14th addressed a good meeting in the Legion Hall and showed some most interesting moving pictures of work in the Mission Field. The visit of Dr. Watts has been a great inspiration. The Evening Group of the W.A. served refreshments. Dr. Watts celebrated the Holy Communion the following morning before going on to Vegreville.

During Lent a Communion Service has been held every Wednesday morning at 10:30 and a Children's service at 4:15 p.m.

The W.A. Evening Group at their meeting on Feb. 20th made arrangements for serving refreshments at the Bonspiel. The results were good.

The Afternoon Group of the W.A. met at the Vicarage on March 2nd.

An interesting letter from our prayer partner Miss Budd, was read. After devotions arrangements were made for the Easter Tea. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. W. J. Bailey, president.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. F. Gorild on the celebration of their 32nd wedding anniversary.

Sunday School meets regularly, several pupils have registered perfect attendance. Sickness and cold weather are the only reasons why six others failed to do so. Well done!

ST. MARY'S PARISH, IRMA

The Rev. R. K. Walters

St. Mary's W.A. held their annual meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Skavinsky on Thursday afternoon, March 2nd.

The meeting was held for the purpose of election of officers and receiving reports.

Mrs. F. T. Thurston was again elected President, Mrs. E. H. Targett, vice-president and Mrs. R. Thurston, secretary.

The meeting reported receipts for the year 1949, \$149.06, expenditure \$112.66 and a balance in the bank of \$27.05.

The ladies are holding a Tea and Bake-Sale on Saturday, March 18th at Kirkman and McLeans store. Any assistance given towards this effort will be appreciated.

The annual meeting of St. Mary's, Irma was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Targett on Thursday

evening, March 2nd with a good attendance present. All reports for the year 1949 were received and passed. The secretary reported a successful year with total Church collections of \$298.30.

Lent boxes: \$13.02; Rector's offering, \$25.00; Received from the W.A., to cover Pensions and Transportation, \$39.85 making a grand total of \$376.17. Disbursements for the year included Stipend \$264.00, Transportation \$36.00, Apportionment \$31.00, Miscellaneous \$53.85. Bank balance forward to January, 1950, \$25.57.

The Rector again appointed Mr. E. H. Targett as his personal Warden, while Mr. F. T. Thurston was again appointed People's Warden. Mr. E. G. Thurston was unanimously elected Secretary. Those appointed to the Vestry included Mr. Pryce Jones, Mr. R. Thurston, Mrs. F. T. Thurston and Mrs. W. Milburn.

The meeting discussed the possibility of moving our Church to a more central location in the village. Because of the expense involved the matter was tabled until our next annual meeting.

Our Rector then expressed his thanks and appreciation to all those who had assisted in the work of the parish during 1949 especially to Mrs. Targett who had acted as organist.

The parish rejoices in the fact that Mr. Leo Thurston will be graduating shortly from St. John's College, Winnipeg, will be ordained into the Ministry on Trinity Sunday and ap-

pointed to the Parish of Ashmont.

The annual meeting closed with refreshments served by the ladies of the W.A.

All subscriptions to the Edmonton Churchman have now been forwarded from the parish. If your subscription is outstanding kindly hand it to any member of the Vestry.

VIKING

Owing to the extremely cold weather and bad roads, Mr. Orme cancelled several of the services after Christmas. We are thankful to have them resumed again.

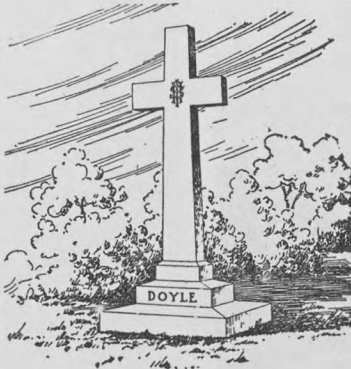
A Bridge and Whist party was put on by the W.A. on the evening of St. Valentine's Day. The Parish Hall looked very gay decorated with garlands of bright red hearts. Everyone reported a splendid time and a goodly sum was added to the exchequer.

Arrangements have been made for the Women's World Day of Prayer Service on the 24th. This year it will be held in the Lutheran Church. Members of our W.A. are taking part.

We are glad to see Mrs. David Scott back home again after undergoing a major operation some time ago.

Mr. David Kennedy sailed recently for England and will be away for some time.

Jeffery (Jeff) Smith of the R.C.A.F. spent a ten-day furlough with his parents recently.



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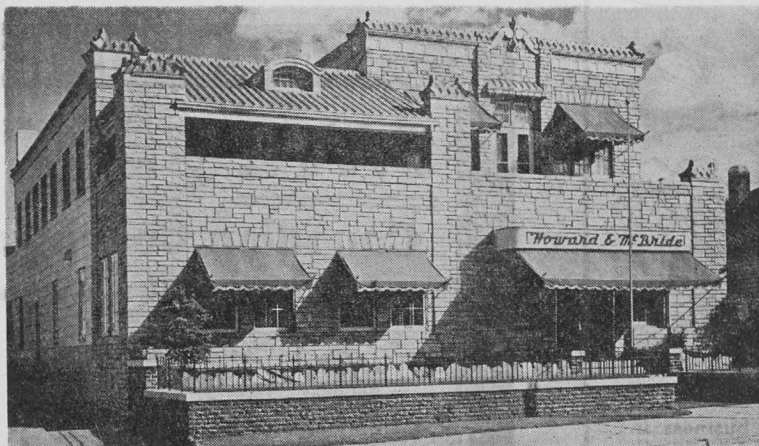
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